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Please see the attached communication regarding the response filed 7/8/04.

Applicants' election of Group 1 (claims 1-14, 17-19) with traverse is acknowledged.

Also acknowledged is applicants' attempt to comply with the "election of species requirement":

- applicants have elected an adsorbent comprising a carrier on which a substance having sulfonic acid groups is immobilized;
- applicants have elected cyanogen bromide as providing a means of bonding the sulfonic acid to the carrier;
- applicants have elected direct linkage of the sulfonic acid to the carrier, without the presence of a linker.

However, the foregoing elections are **not fully responsive** to the restriction requirement mailed 6/8/04. First, applicants have not elected a specific "form" of the adsorbent (when dry), e.g., a fiber, a hollow fiber, beads, a flat membrane, or a powder (e.g., page, 6, line 20, specification). Second, applicants have not specified a "water insoluble carrier" (e.g., agarose or dextran, or ceramic coated with polystyrene, or glass coated with a polysulfone). In addition to the foregoing, election of a "substance" is required, as this term is used in line 2 of claim 1. The substance is an entity which is distinct from either the carrier or the hydrogen-bondable functional group.

Applicants' traversal of the restriction requirement is noted. In the event that applicants fully comply with the restriction requirement, a response thereto will be

provided.

The time period for response (one month) is reset pursuant to this Office action. However, failure to elect species as indicated above will result in abandonment of the application.



Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lukton whose telephone number is 571-272-0952. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon Weber, can be reached at 571-272-0925. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.



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